

REMARKS

Please review the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 27-47 include allowable subject matter, and for carefully considering the application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 27-47 are pending in the application. Claims 27, 34, and 41 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the independent claims.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 27-47 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of co-pending Application No. 10/627,019, U.S. Patent No. 7,506,162, U.S. Patent No. 7,594,256, and U.S. Patent No. 7,610,390. Terminal disclaimers, compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, have been included in this response to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 27-47 are allowed over the prior art.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 33226/475001).

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